

TIMELY HINTS FOR FARMERS

Indian Runner Ducks.

The Indian Runner ducks are very costly and quickly raised, being nearly full size at eight or ten weeks of age. They hatch early and well cared for they will lay in the fall and make good layers until five or six years of age and will lay as well as any chicken hen, and there is much less labor in caring for them. They are not subject to disease and do not have lice or mites, which is quite an item in poultry raising.

Indian Runner ducks are to the duck family what the Leghorns are among the chickens. The large pure white eggs are characteristic of the breed as the white eggs are of the Leghorns. Green eggs are certain proof of impurity. Both Pekin and white strain are everlasting layers of white eggs and are great money makers. They are great layers and small eaters, which is a very desirable trait. They can be hatched as late as September and get their growth and be ready to lay before cold weather. When they are properly fed and cared for they will begin to lay at the age of four months and will lay continuously. Their eggs are fine for ordinary purposes and will sell for 3 to 5 cents more per dozen than hen eggs.—Farm and Ranch.

Profit in Draft Horses.

We keep six heavy horses to do our farm work—two three-horse teams. All of these horses are bred to the best stallion we can find near home, and we usually get two or three colts a year, writes a New York farmer in the American Agriculturist. All of the horses are bred and worked about the same until foaling time, when those that have colts need about ten days rest. Then they may begin work again, only with a little better feed and care. After the colt is weaned he can be grown almost as cheaply as a calf and if well fed at two years old should weigh from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds and can begin to pay his way by working.

Poultry Notes.

There are many pet theories on how to make the hen lay profitably, but here is the secret in a few words: Feed her well, house her comfortably and keep her free from lice.

The large producing hen is the result of unceasing care and effort upon the part of her owner.

You can't expect profits from the hens unless you feed them right and give good care generally.

The hen that is confined in a damp house or must stand on a damp floor will never lay profitably.

The chickens need plenty of sharp grit or gravel. It's what keeps their teeth in commission.

KEEPING POULTRY

LICE IN CHECK

Dust Baths Should Be Provided and Houses Sprayed.

Lice may be found on the bodies of birds at all seasons of the year. They multiply very rapidly in warm weather, and it is then that the greatest harm is wrought.

There are several insect enemies of poultry—lice, mites and domes. It is the red hen mite which is worse than all the others combined. This minute creature increases at a remarkable rate when measures are not taken to keep it in check, and birds will not lay nor chickens grow when their lifeblood is being sucked by this pest.

Dust is fatal to almost all insects, especially the soft bodied ones. The birds should therefore be provided with a dust bath at all times, as this is the method nature has given them of keeping at bay their insect enemies. Dry and finely pulverized earth of any kind, also coal ashes from which the cinders have been sifted, may be used for the dust bath. Wood ashes should never be used, as the alkali in them is likely to injure the birds.

A thorough drenching of the poultry house with formalin solution to which a little creosote carbolic acid has been added will prove very effectual against the red mites if done every week. Ordinary melted lard is good in destroying lice on the bodies of fowls and chicks, but should not be used too freely.

When setting hens it is never advisable to apply any grease to their bodies, but they may be dusted with some good insect powder, while the nests may be dusted with powdered lime or sulphur. As soon as a sitting hen comes off the nest should be burned out and fresh nest material supplied. At all seasons of the year it is a good plan to burn out all nests every four or five weeks.

Foot Rot in Sheep.

Sheep afflicted with foot rot should be kept separate from the balance of the flock and have clean, dry quarters. Drive them through a bath bath three times a week made of crocus 2 per cent or iron sulphate 4 per cent and lime ashed with water, mixed into a poultice substance.

SHIRT IDEAS

Sizes 12½, Butter 2½.

Funeral embalms. Shirts specially made Country, 7½. Size 2½.

Cough for sweating conditions.

Waist for your Easter suit. 2½

For small clothes see Whitman.

Size the cleaner, 5½. Wins.

Mrs. Anna Wadell in the great at Mrs. Harvey Smith at Bamps.

Roofing and end panels. G. R. Smith.

Wardrobe, 12½. Main street.

Peter Thompson lives in the trimmings along of Ellsworth.

Mr. Edward C. Chamber was in Columbus Thursday afternoon.

April Estate at Parks.

Mr. W. L. Robinson was a business visitor in Newark Thursday afternoon.

The new uniforms in 16½. Ellsworth at Ellsworth—\$1.50 per yard.

About twenty-five persons from Howard spent Thursday in Mt. Vernon attending court.

Twelve new styles in Mr. Butler hat pine at Ellsworth.

Mr. George Cramer went to Martinsburg Thursday morning to spend the day on business.

Special emphasis has been given to collecting \$25.00 with this spring at Ellsworth.

Gas-chimney flue cleaning tools at Parks.

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Mr. H. A. Thomas of Springfield went Wednesday in Mt. Vernon attending to some business matters.

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Mrs. William H. Thompson left Thursday morning for Cleveland to make her future home in that city.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the White Palace theatre tonight. Only 50¢ 1900 set of film.

Mrs. Anna McDonald and Miss Margaret Oliver, are the guests of Dennis in Gambier today.

Mr. Carlton House went to Utica Thursday morning to make a short visit with relatives.

Mrs. Sylvia McDonald of Hamilton, N. Y., arrived in Mt. Vernon Wednesday evening to spend several days.

Mr. William McFie went to Danville Thursday morning to spend the day on business.

Major Charles A. Mitchell returned this morning from a trip to Washington on D. C., New York City and Philadelphia.

Miss Gilbert Ober, dancer and entertainer, in a program of classic and popular selections of minuets and quadrilles, to the wood, the swanee and the cooing of swans, equality of temperature.

Oil Vine Oilcloth.

Afternoon uniforms have been made for a short time past a drop of oil in the center of the eye cloth since a month ago prevents the drops from rolling.

Envelope Boxes.

One a quarter from the owner of an envelope, clip off the point and a handle will be made with which liquids may be poured from a small mouth bottle.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gottsch returned to their home in Ellsworth City Thursday morning after spending several weeks in Florida.

Mr. Lawrence Mitchell of Cork is spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McElroy, of Akron.

Mr. Ross Stevens of Mt. Vernon arrived in the city Saturday evening to call on the death of his sister Mrs. Alice E. Bennett.

See the "Wanderer" at noon on this date.

Mr. George E. Sprague returned to his home in Webster Thursday evening after several days spent with relatives in Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bay of Cincinnati arrived in the city this morning, having called home to the death of Mrs. Bay's son, Mrs. Alice E. Bennett.

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Mrs. Silas Purp and daughter, Mrs. Charles Ayers, and children, went to Butler Thursday morning to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Soren.

Mr. Robert Bennett of Los Angeles, California, is expected in Mt. Vernon Sunday, being called here by the death of his mother, Mrs. Alice E. Bennett.

Mrs. T. C. Johnson went to Columbus Thursday morning to spend several days with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Stiplett.

Mr. Charles L. Stevens of Clinton, Ill., arrived in the city this morning being called here by the death of his sister, Mrs. Alice E. Bennett.

Mr. H. Lee Davis of the Belmont, West Virginia, Independent, who is travelling on the Great Northern railroad out, as publishing representative, was a visitor at the Sunday office today.

FOOT SMILE—Brook comes to Akron April 1. Clinton "phone 415. Brookman exchange.

Theater Restaurant.

Next door to Post office.

Neals 2½. Lee W. Denitill.

Get a fifty-cent "Wear-Ever" aluminum for use at Woolworth.

Armitage hotel stores have used their new washers with Arnold's Clinton stores where they will welcome their friends in new and up-to-date quarters. Call and see their new wash and location.

The largest and cleanest stock of wall papers you will find at Armitage stores. New designs, new cuttings and lowest prices. Do not fail to see their new way of showing a pattern of wall paper, unique combinations.

Regina almonds this year out with "Wear-Ever" at Woolworth store.

Go to Arnolds store and see the new spring rugs and floor coverings. New designs, new colors and the lowest prices. Do not fail to see our rugs and carpets and our price for this spring.

Mrs. John Newell, who has been taking treatment at the Mt. Vernon Medical and Surgical Institution for several days, underwent a successful operation at that institution on Thursday morning. The operation was performed by Dr. W. L. Miller.

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